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Status of documentation

Note by the Secretariat

1. In accordance with paragraph 8 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the fifty-sixth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held at Headquarters tentatively from 31 May to 24 June 2016.

2. In its resolution 1988/77 on its revitalization, the Council reiterated that the Secretariat should circulate relevant documentation in all working languages six weeks before the opening of the sessions of the Council and its subsidiary organs.

3. In its resolution 53/208 B on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly: (a) reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that documents were available in accordance with the six-week rule for their distribution simultaneously in the six official languages; (b) reaffirmed its decision that, if a report was issued late, the reasons for the delay should be indicated when the report was introduced; and (c) decided that, if a report was submitted late to the conference services, the reasons for the delay should be included in a footnote to the document.

4. In section IV of its resolution 64/230 on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly expressed deep concern at the unprecedented high level of late submission of documentation, which, in turn, had a negative impact on the functioning of intergovernmental bodies, and, reiterating its request in its subsequent resolutions on the pattern of conferences, the latest of which was resolution 70/9, urged author departments to fully adhere to deadlines in meeting the goal of 90 per cent submission compliance.

5. Also in its resolutions on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly reiterated its request that the Secretary-General direct all departments of the Secretariat to include the following elements in their reports:

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(a) A summary of the report;

(b) Consolidated conclusions, recommendations and other proposed actions;

(c) Relevant background information.

6. In those same resolutions, the General Assembly also reiterated its request that all documents submitted to legislative organs by the Secretariat and expert bodies for consideration and action have conclusions and recommendations in bold print.

7. In section IV, paragraph 74 of its resolution 70/9 on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly reaffirmed its decision in section III, paragraph 9, of its resolution 59/265 that the issuance of documents in all six official languages on planning, budgetary and administrative matters requiring urgent consideration by the General Assembly should be accorded priority.

Annex

Status of preparedness of documentation for the fifty-sixth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

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	E/AC.51/2016/L.2	Note by the Secretariat: reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 59/267)		
3.	**Programme questions**			
(a)	**Programme performance**			
	Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2014-2015			
	A/71/___	Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2014-2015		
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	(i) Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017			
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	(ii) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019			
	A/71/6 (Part one)	Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019: part one, plan outline (General Assembly resolutions 59/275, 61/235, 62/224, 63/247, 67/236 and 69/17)		
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(c)	**Evaluation**			
	E/AC.51/2016/___	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-third session on the programme evaluation of the United Nations Environment Programme		

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	E/AC.51/2016/___	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-third session on the programme evaluation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime		
4.	**Coordination questions**			
(a)	**Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination**			
	E/2016/__	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2015 (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX))		
(b)	**New Partnership for Africa's Development**			
	E/AC.51/2016/___	Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (General Assembly resolution 59/275)		
5.	**Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit**			
	See E/AC.51/2016/L.2			
6.	**Provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session**			
	E/AC.51/2016/L.3	Note by the Secretariat: provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-seventh session of the Committee (Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII))		
	E/AC.51/2016/L.4 and addenda	Draft report of the Committee		

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Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the Secretariat

1. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the terms of reference of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations system, including the reports dealing with the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, shall be examined by the Committee, which shall report thereon to the Council and the General Assembly.

2. In accordance with paragraphs 4 (d) and (e) of article 11 of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, when a report concerns only one organization, the report and the comments of the executive head thereon shall be transmitted to the competent organ of that organization not later than three months after receipt of the report for consideration at the next meeting of the competent organ; and, when a report concerns more than one organization, the report, together with the joint comments and any comments of the respective heads on the matters that concern their particular organization, shall be ready for submission to the competent organs of the organizations not later than six months after receipt of the Unit's report for consideration at the next meeting of the competent organs concerned.

3. At its organizational session, the Committee is invited to select the report listed below, for consideration at its fifty-sixth session (see also items 2 and 5 of the annotated provisional agenda (E/AC.51/2016/1)):

> Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Analysis of the evaluation function in the United Nations system" and the comments of the Secretary-General and of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon.

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